



**Joint Meeting of the
Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force**

and the

Regional Greenways and Trails Plan Steering Committee

Agenda

2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2009

DuPage County Conference Room
233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 800, Sears Tower
Chicago, Illinois

- 1.0 **Call to Order and Introductions** 2:00 p.m.
Tom Rickert, Chairman
- 2.0 **Approval of Meeting Notes from February**
Meeting notes are posted at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/bikeped/minutes.aspx>
SUGGESTED ACTION: Approval of meeting notes
- 3.0 **Regional Planning**
- 3.1 **Regional Greenways and Trails Plan**
CMAP staff (Lori Heringa) will present the draft update of the Northeastern Illinois Regional Greenways and Trails Plan. Four draft documents are posted: (1) Regional Trails Element; (2) Map Identifying Primary Regional Trail System; (3) Map Identifying Regional Greenways; and (4) an Executive Summary; all at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/bikeped/minutes.aspx>. Should the Task Force and Steering Committee so recommend, the document will be sent to the Environment & Natural Resources and the Transportation Committees for further consideration and release for public comment. Following subsequent recommendation and approval by a coordinating committee and the Board of CMAP, the plan is expected to be printed in August.
SUGGESTED ACTION: Recommend consideration by the Environment and Natural Resources and the Transportation Committees, with subsequent release for public comment.

[At the end of item 3.1, the joint meeting of the Regional Greenways and Trails Plan Steering Committee will end. Steering Committee members are welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting, at their option, as they wish]

3.2 GO TO 2040 Plan

CMAP staff (Bob Dean) will update the Task Force on the *GO TO 2040* plan process. Items to be discussed include capital project evaluations, scenario development and evaluation, and items of specific interest, such as the recent enhancements to the Pedestrian Environment Factor, and a comparison between it and the WalkScore model discussed at the last meeting.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Discussion

3.3 Quad-State Bikeways Planning

The four Executive Directors of the MPOs on the southern tip of Lake Michigan have prioritized trail planning as a focus area for Quad-State cooperation. A work plan has been developed and is posted at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/bikeped/minutes.aspx> as Attachment 6.

4.0 Pedestrian and Bicycle Project Programming

4.1 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program

CMAP staff is currently reviewing and analyzing the 2010 CMAQ project applications. The CMAQ Project Selection Committee expects to release preliminary rankings of the FY 2010 applications on June 24, 2009. Bicycle and pedestrian project sponsor submittals (including encouragement and parking projects) are listed at

<http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/bikeped/minutes.aspx>. More information can also be found at http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/cmaq/fy2010_cmaq.aspx

SUGGESTED ACTION: Information and discussion

4.2 Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP)

An IDOT representative will update the Task Force on the status of the ITEP program and ARRA Enhancements.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Information and Discussion

4.3 Safe Routes to School

4.3.1 IDOT

Illinois Safe Routes to School has not yet announced a 2008 program. The program received nearly 400 applications, for a total of nearly \$28 million. IDOT has roughly \$13 million to program. IDOT's list of approved travel plans has been posted and linked to the linked to <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/bikeped/minutes.aspx> as Attachment 8.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Information

4.3.2 Active Transportation Alliance

Active Transportation Alliance, with its partners, has announced its 2009 Walk to School Day Mini-Grant Program (see handout).

SUGGESTED ACTION: Information

4.4 Rescissions and Lapses

4.4.1 IDOT

Les Nunes of IDOT will provide information on upcoming IDOT rescissions, and their impact on ITEP, CMAQ, and RTP programs. He will also describe Illinois' "proportionality" law, as regards rescissions, and the issue of a "sweep" rescission at the end of SAFETEA-LU. The first 2009 rescission is posted at <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/bikeped/minutes.aspx> as Attachment 9.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Information and Discussion

4.4.2 CMAP Discussion on avoiding rescissions and lapses

CMAP staff (Holly Ostdick), focusing on local/sub-regional programming, will describe what funding sources are affected by rescissions, and how funds lapse or expire, and how rescissions and lapses can be avoided.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Information and Discussion

4.3 Project Updates

Implementing agencies will be invited to provide a brief update regarding the status of programmed projects. Staff is requesting information on recently let projects, completed projects, and project delays which need attention by CMAP staff.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Information, Discussion, and Referral to Staff

5.0 Policy Planning

5.1 Complete Streets / IDOT Bureau of Design and Environment (BDE) Manual Revision

CMAP staff (Tom Murtha) and Ed Barsotti, Executive Director of the League of Illinois Bicyclists, will update the Task Force on the status implementing the state’s Complete Streets legislation. IDOT has drafted an update to the BD&E Manual to implement the legislation, but many stakeholders, including CMAP staff, are concerned that the IDOT draft does not properly address the legislation. The following resources are linked to <http://www.cmap.illinois.gov/bikeped/minutes.aspx>: (1) Complete Streets Law; (2) original and revised Chapters 5 and 17 of the BD&E Manual; (3) a letter from the League of Illinois Bicyclists and the Active Transportation Alliance responding to the IDOT draft with substantial concerns; and (4) a link back to the CMAP recommendations for Complete Streets implementation prepared during the Pedestrian Safety Initiative.

SUGGESTED ACTION: Resolution Communicating Concerns Regarding Complete Streets Implementation to Transportation Committee

6.0 Public Comment and Announcements

This is an opportunity for comments from members of the audience. The amount of time available to speak will be at the chair’s discretion. It should be noted that the exact time for the public comment period will immediately follow the last item on the agenda.

7.0 Next Meeting

Next meeting is suggested for Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

8.0 Adjournment

4:00 p.m.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force Members:

- ___ Ed Barsotti
- ___ Richard Bascomb
- ___ Ray Campbell
- ___ Bruce Christensen
- ___ Chalen Daigle
- ___ DPH: Vacant
- ___ Deborah Fagan
- ___ Andrea Hoyt

- ___ Rae Keasler
- ___ David Longo
- ___ CTA: Vacant
- ___ Allan Mellis
- ___ Taqhi Mohammed
- ___ Barbara Moore
- ___ Joe Moriarty
- ___ Randy Neufeld

- ___ Les Nunes
- ___ Greg Piland
- ___ Keith Privett
- ___ Tom Rickert, Chairman
- ___ CNT: Vacant
- ___ Jonathan Tremper
- ___ Craig Williams
- ___ Elizabeth Wuerffel